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1. AT 2 FEBRUARY MEETING, [] REPORTED PUBLICATION IN SWEDISH PRESS OF INFORMATION WHICH [] OBTAINED IN INTERVIEW WITH ABRAHAM KALINSKIY, RUSSIAN JEWISH EMIGRE WHO NOW RESIDING IN ISRAEL AFTER LENGTHY IMPRISONMENT IN SOVIET LABOR CAMPS. INFORMATION CONCERNS RAUL WALLEMBERG, SWEDISH DIPLOMAT WHO ARRESTED AND IMPRISONED BY SOVIETS IN 1944 WHEN RED ARMY OCCUPIED BUDAPEST. USSR LATER CLAIMED THAT WALLEMBERG HAD DIED IN LUBYANKA PRISON IN 1947. DURING [] INTERVIEW WITH KALINSKIY, KALINSKIY MENTIONED NAMES OF SEVERAL WITNESSES ATTESTING THAT WALLEMBERG ALIVE AS LATE AS 1975. [] PROVIDED THIS INFORMATION TO ACQUAINTANCE, SWEDISH TV JOURNALIST HANUS WEBER, WHO ADVISED SWEDISH GOVERNMENT OF NEW FACTS. [] THEN HELPED ARRANGE INTERVIEW OF KALINSKIY IN ISRAEL BY TWO SWEDISH FOREIGN MINISTRY OFFICIALS, ONE OF WHOM WAS STATE SECRETARY SVEN HARMAN. ON BASIS OF INTERVIEW, SWEDISH GOVERNMENT SENT NOTE TO USSR REQUESTING CLARIFICATION OF WALLEMBERG'S STATUS. WHEN NO ANSWER FORTHCOMING FROM SOVIET UNION, MATTER WAS RELEASED TO SWEDISH PRESS WHICH CARRIED STORY IN STOCKHOLM NEWSPAPER "EXPRESSEN." [] SAID THAT PER WEBER, STORY WAS HAD EFFECT OF STIRRING UP PUBLIC OPINION AGAINST SOVIET UNION FOR HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS IN GENERAL AND FOR ITS TREATMENT OF WALLEMBERG CASE IN PARTICULAR. [] REPORTED THAT SWEDISH GOVERNMENT PROMISES TO SEND LETTER OF APPRECIATION TO HIM, THROUGH HIS EMPLOYER, FOR HIS ROLE IN AFFAIR.

2. RECENT SWEDISH INQUIRY CONCERNING WALLEMBERG WAS SUBJECT OF FEATURE ARTICLE IN 8 FEBRUARY EDITION OF FRG DAILY,

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"DIE WELT." ARTICLE RECOUNTS BACKGROUND OF HALLENBERG AFFAIR
AND CONDEMNS SOVIET ACTIONS IN DEALING WITH IT FROM 1944 UP TO
PRESENT. WILL TM ARTICLE TO HQS.

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